

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 7, 2008**

PRESENT:	Lou Ann Christensen	Mayor
	Bruce Christensen	Councilmember
	Scott Ericson	Councilmember
	Reese Jensen	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Ben Boyce	Leisure Services Director
	Rick Bosworth	Human Resource Coordinator
	Mark Bradley	City Planner
	Jim Buchanan	Emergency Services Director
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Blake Fonnesebeck	Public Works Director
	Paul Larsen	Economic Development Director
	Bruce Leonard	City Administrator
	Dennis Sheffield	Finance Director
	Paul Tittensor	Chief of Police
EXCUSED:	Bob Marabella	Councilmember

Mayor Christensen called the meeting to order. The Reverence Period was given by Mayor Christensen. The scouts in the audience led the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 3008 was made by Councilmember Christensen. The motion was seconded and carried. Mayor Christensen presented the agenda as follows:

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
CONSENT**

- Request for Approval of the 2008-09 Fire Contract with Perry City
- Request for Approval of Revised Interlocal Agreement Between Brigham City and Box Elder County RDA for Bonds for the Wakegan Project (*tabled*)
- Request for Approval of Contract with Rocky Mountain Power to Purchase Powerline on 1500 North Main (*moved from New Business*)

**SCHEDULED DELEGATION**

- Request for Approval of Consolidated Dispatch Contract
- Discussion on the Increasing Need for Hunger Relief in Utah
- Update on UTOPIA

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Request for Approval of Resolution Setting Ambulance Rates for 2008-09

**PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- Request for Approval of Sidewalk Deferral for Rotational Molding

**MAKING LIFE BETTER - DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Schedule a Work Session to Discuss Cultural Plan (*added*)

**CLAIMS**

- Payment Register (*tabled*)

Councilmember Reese Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

**CONSENT**

**Request for Approval of the 2008-09 Fire Contract with Perry City**

A contract was presented for approval for a contract with Perry City for fire services.

**Request for Approval of Contract with Rocky Mountain Power to Purchase Powerline on 1500 North Main**

This contract would allow the City to purchase a power line on 1500 North Main from RMP. This area was recently annexed into Brigham City and the City now provides the electrical service for this area.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Ericson, seconded by Councilmember Christensen and unanimously carried.

**SCHEDULED DELEGATION**

**Request for Approval of Consolidated Dispatch Contract**

Mr. Scott Wolford, Manager of the Box Elder Consolidated Communications Center, approached the Council and gave a statistical report on the Center in the last six months. Since January 2008 they have taken 60,601 phone calls. Of those, a little over 9,000 were 9-1-1 calls. The breakdown between wireless and 9-1-1 hard line calls have reversed in the last ten years. They have implemented Phase 2, which works well when someone is outside and stays on the phone for over a minute.

They expect approximately 7,000 calls per month during the winter. This year they have experienced between 9,000-11,000 per month.

Response time is from the time the dispatcher verifies an address to when a responder is on scene. The police response time is from 8.5 minutes to 11.5 minutes. The lowest month for police calls was January with 891. The highest month was June with 1,034.

The EMS response time is just under seven minutes to 9.5 minutes. He explained that ambulance calls are based on the type of emergency. If it is a life threatening call, such as a possible heart attack, the ambulance driver will go as fast as possible. If it is something that is not considered serious the driver will follow traffic laws to make it safer for other drivers. This includes a large service area.

MOTION: A motion to renew the consolidated dispatch contract was made by Councilmember Ericson, seconded and carried.

**Discussion on the Increasing Need for Hunger Relief in Utah**

Mr. Jim Pew from the Utah Food Bank approached the Council and discussed the issues facing the State of Utah regarding hunger. There are currently one in every ten residents in the State of Utah that are living in poverty. This means that a family of four are living on less than \$20,000 per year. Utah ranks fifth in the nation for the highest rate of food insecurity in the country. This means there are more than 345,000 individuals that are at risk every month of missing or skipping a meal due to having a lack of resources in their homes. Over 134,000 Utahns receive food stamps. This is not even half of those individuals that are eligible for this benefit. Over 63,000 people each month eat at least one of their meals at a soup kitchen each week, which is more than double what it was ten years ago. Ten years ago the Utah Food Bank distributed nine million pounds of food across Utah, this year they distributed 19 million pounds. Each pantry they work with has reported a 25% increase in the number of clients in the last six months.

One of the major problems of the Food Bank is having enough space to store the amount of food they are receiving and trying to ship throughout the state. Last year they maximized their space. In February they found a location that is almost double in space in the Salt Lake City area. They will be moving in next February. This will allow them to collect and distribute up to 40 million pounds of food. They hope to raise \$10 million to help pay for the cost of the building as well as additional vehicles and fuel costs to distribute to each of these areas. They have currently raised \$5.2 million.

Linda Hansen from the Box Elder Community Pantry joined Mr. Pew at the table and stated that they have seen an increasing demand at the Pantry. In 2007 they served 3,154 households. In the first two quarters of 2008 they have already served 3,311. This is a 5% increase. Last year they served 6,627 individuals. So far this year they have already served 7,395 individuals, or an 11.6% increase. In 2007 they distributed 553,407

pounds of food. This year they have already distributed 553,569 pounds. They received and stored 553,000 pounds of food last year, this year they have received 544,919 pounds.

Ms. Hansen reviewed the Pantry's current and future vision. They have been approved for a Community Development Block Grant for \$63,637 to add structure for installation of a freezer cooler. This will allow the Pantry to keep more fresh fruits for distribution.

They were also recently awarded a United Way grant for \$8,000 per year for the next three years to collaborate with Utah State University and Smith's Food to teach people money management and nutrition education to help them become more self-sufficient. USU will teach the classes and Smith's will give gift certificates to those who successfully complete the program.

Their strategic plan currently being developed and designated to meet Box Elder County's population growth over the next three to five years is to have their annual financial income at \$100,000 to \$150,000. They currently budget between \$75,000-\$80,000 per year. They hope to accomplish this through donation resources such as letter writing campaigns, special activities, grants and corporation and small business donations. They would like to expand the pantry capacity to handle more tonnage and expand its functions and involvement with the community.

Mayor Christensen stated that the Pantry provides a very needed service in our community and thanked them for their service.

#### **Update on UTOPIA**

Chris Hogan and Jared Pantier, representing UTOPIA, came to the table. Mr. Hogan updated the Council on what has been done since financing was approved in June. One of the main things they have been doing is to try and get more providers. They have signed on four new providers and have four prospective providers.

UTOPIA has reorganized and some of the services that were outsourced are now being done in-house.

They plan to have UTOPIA in Brigham City this fall. They will probably start with businesses first. They plan to meet with the Mayor and staff to determine where to begin.

Mr. Pantier reported that UTOPIA has completed a lot of upgrades in Brigham City. With this construction there was a lot of clean up left to be done. UTOPIA will have contractors in Brigham City, Tremonton and Perry that will start taking care of all the restoration issues. Mr. Hogan apologized for this issue.

Brigham City is about 36% complete.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Request for Approval of Resolution Setting Ambulance Rates for 2008-09**

Mr. Buchanan came forward and explained that each year the State of Utah issues ambulance rates based on information sent from each ambulance provider throughout the state to compare costs. In the past, Brigham City has always raised rates to the maximum allowed by the State. He added that residents are given a discount. The last rate increase was three years ago.

MOTION: Councilmember Ericson made a motion to approve the resolution setting new ambulance rates for 2008-09. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Reese Jensen.

Councilmember Christensen - aye

Councilmember Ericson - aye

Councilmember Reese Jensen - aye

Councilmember Ruth Jensen - aye

Voting was unanimous.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS**

### **Request for Approval of Sidewalk Deferral for Rotational Molding**

Mr. Mark Bradley report that this request went before the Planning Commission and the vote was 3-1 in favor of recommending to the Council that the sidewalk deferral be approved. This request ranked at 1.5 on the sidewalk deferral ranking sheet, which is very low. The approval was due to the nature of the site, which is on Airport Road.

Mr. Fonnesbeck stated that this area does not currently have a lot of growth. When growth does occur to the north it will be inside the airport fence. When they planned the entrance road they did not anticipate sidewalk because it was not serving anywhere. The nearest sidewalk is on Watery Lane so it would not really serve any purpose in this area.

Councilmember Ruth Jensen asked if the applicant will be required to put money in escrow so the money is available if and when the City requests a sidewalk be installed. Mr. Bradley replied that this has not been required at this time.

MOTION: Councilmember Reese Jensen moved to approve the request for a sidewalk deferral for Rotational Molding. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen.

The voting was unanimous with the following vote:

Councilmember Christensen - aye

Councilmember Ericson - aye

Councilmember Reese Jensen - aye

Councilmember Ruth Jensen - aye

## **MAKING LIFE BETTER - DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Urban Forest and City Parks - Mr. Fonnesbeck said the City has two valuable resources in the City. One is the Urban Forest throughout the City and the other is the parks. His department has been doing a lot of things to make these two areas better. They have been trimming the trees on South Main. They budgeted \$25,000 for this project and when it came time to do it they figured it would cost \$50,000. They planned to do it over a two-year period to accommodate this increase. However, they found enough in the budget by saving money on other projects by doing them in-house to pay for the entire project and have \$15,000 left. They will use this to trim trees in problem areas on 100 East and 300 West. Scott Oldham, Parks Supervisor, has been given the task to put together a City Forest Plan and a Tree Management Plan.

Mr. Fonnesbeck said the Parks Department has been treating the Pioneer Park Pond to get rid of the moss and it has helped a lot. They will continue to do this. They are also being more vigilant about cleaning around the Pond. They have a new filtering system ordered which will facilitate the pond water to be used to water the park.

There has been a big effort to improve the restrooms in the parks. They have soap, paper towels and new floors and they all have been painted. They are now locking the restrooms at night so they are getting less vandalism.

Mr. Jason Lauritzen, Recreation Intern, gave the Council a report on "The Sights and Sounds of Summer." This is a list of City events to try and get people involved in the community. There is a punch pass that people bring to each event and have it signed off. For every five signed off, they are allowed to bring it to the "End of Summer Bash" and enter for the grand prize drawing. Autoliv donated \$1,000 for this drawing. Overall they have had over 2,200 participants come to various events throughout the summer.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Work Session to Discuss Cultural Assessment Plan**

The Council set a work session for Friday, September 26 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss this plan.

A motion to adjourn to an Executive Session was made by Councilmember Reese Jensen. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ericson.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Christensen - aye  
Councilmember Ericson - aye  
Councilmember Reese Jensen - aye  
Councilmember Ruth Jensen - aye

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 8:25 p.m. The Council returned at 9:15 p.m. and adjourned.